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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The following amendments to the specification are being made solely to correct informalities or typographical oversights. The amendments do not introduce any new matter.

Please replace paragraph 0015 with the following paragraph:

[0015] Figures 1 through 5 illustrate possible system configurations 101, 200 and 300 respectively, incorporating the heated roll 100 for drying printed media. The systems 101, 200, 300 may use any known paper transport mechanism to move the paper along its paper path, such as drive roller systems or belt transport systems with or without a vacuum hold-down assist. Figure 1 is a representative diagram of a system 100-101 that includes a drying slot 102 and a separate overcoating slot 104. In this example, a sheet of media 106 first receives a printed image in printzone 92. The backside 92' of the media 106 may either be a blank surface or a surface that has already been printed and dried. Following printing, the printed sheet 106 is first placed in the drying slot 102 and travels along a transport path 103 through a nip 108 formed between the heated roll 100 and a backing roll 110. Further, in this particular example, the sheet 106' travels through the nip 108 with its printed side against the heated roll 100 and its back side against the roll 110 so that the contact and heat from the heated roll 100 will dry the ink. Note that the printed side does not necessarily need to contact the heated roll 100 step and that the printed media may have any orientation that allows the heated roll 100 to dry the ink.